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**Greenbush Man Sentenced on Federal Firearms Charge**

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Bertrand A. Cote, III**, 30, of Greenbush, Maine, was sentenced on November 13, 2007 in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, to 27 months imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, a fine of \$ 500.00 and a special assessment of \$100.00.

Court records reveal that in August 2004, Cote lied on a federal firearms application when attempting to purchase a firearm from Frati the Pawnbroker in Bangor, Maine. On that form, Cote indicated he was not subject to a court order restraining him from harassing, stalking or threatening an intimate partner.

From July 2003 through July 2005, Cote was subject to an Order for Protection from Abuse from the District Court in Presque Isle. Individuals subject to protection from Abuse Orders are prohibited from possessing firearms.

This case was part of Maine's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative which coordinates the efforts of federal and state agencies in order to increase successful prosecution of firearms cases and educate potential offenders on the serious consequences of illegal gun use and possession.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Eastern Maine Violent Crime Task Force.

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